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Please find the attached MS Word file containing my position on the proposal to recommend the Yucca Mountain site as a High Level Waste storage facility to the President of The United States.

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Ms. Carol Hanlon  
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

Establishing this facility is a critical step to safely address the current needs of the Nuclear Industry for safe storage of high level radioactive waste. This action is also critical to establish the safe viability for handling future waste production allowing the growth of the nuclear industry's contribution to US energy supply. The need for growth in the nuclear power industry is apparent given that fossil fuel reserves will decline and considering the threats to national security that dependence on remaining reserves creates.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

Albert V. Wineman, BSEE

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